

WILMINGTON JOURNAL.

Friday, December 29, 1848.

DEATH OF THE EDITOR.

The mournful appearance of our paper to-day bespeaks the melancholy misfortune that has taken place since our last issue.

For some weeks we have been announcing to our readers the continued sickness of Mr. Fulton, the Editor of this paper, and have always endeavored to impart to them the hope of his ultimate recovery; for, though his illness was severe, we could not bring ourselves to believe that it would have a fatal termination.

Our hopes, however, have proved vain. On Tuesday last the earth received the remains of him whose voice through this paper was accustomed weekly to visit our patrons, but which will now come to them no more forever. Life has gone out of him, with his hopes and his fears, his joys and his sorrows. We have lost a valuable friend—his family a kind father and loving husband, and his adopted country a good and virtuous citizen.

Mr. FULTON was born in Donegal county, Ireland, in 1821, emigrated in 1838, and settled in Raleigh, where, for five years he was engaged in mercantile—his spare moments being devoted to the study of the law; soon after obtaining license, he removed to Sampson county, where he practised his profession nearly a year. He then came to Wilmington, to take charge of this paper, which for more than four years he has edited with acknowledged success. Nearly two months since he was seized with an inflammatory disease, which, after protracted suffering, terminated his existence on the 17th inst., at the Mansion House Hotel, in the City of Charleston, S. C.

As a man and a citizen, Mr. Fulton fulfilled all his duties honestly and uprightly. He exhibited a laudable interest and earnestness in matters tending to improve our town, or give character to our State, and his writings were always on the side of liberty and enterprise. As a politician his position was enviable, his prospect for advancement very good; he had the confidence of his party and the respect of those who differed with him in opinion. Altogether he was most happy and prosperous in his public and domestic relations, with every prospect of a long, useful and honorable career. His decease is only another instance and proof of D. A. H.'s ambition to cull his victims from the fairest folds—

Where he dwelt with abundance, purpled o'er
With recent honours, bloomed with every bliss,
Set up in ostentation, made the gaze,
The gaudy centre of the public eye:
When Fortune thus, too late, her child in air,
Snatched from the covert of her humble star,
How often have I seen him drooped at once,
Our morning's envy! our evening's sigh!
As if her bonnet were the signal given,
The flowery wreath to mark the sacrifice,
And call Death's arrows on the destined prey.

Mr. FULTON died a member of Christ's Church, and in a full confidence of a belief in Christ's mercy. We shall long have cause to regret his absence from his accustomed place. But our sorrow is assuaged by the reflection that what might have been to him an eternity of woe, will prove now but wings to mount the spheres—

Death wants to cure us, we fall, we rise, we reign,
Spring from our fetters and fasten in the skies.

From the Charleston Courier, 19th inst.

Death of an Editor.—DAVID FULTON, Esq., editor of the Wilmington (N. C.) Journal, died at his residence in the Mansion House, Meeting-street, in this city, on the night of the 17th inst. Mr. FULTON was afflicted with a pulmonary complaint, and by the advice of his physician sought a more bland and congenial climate, in the hope of restoring his health, and relieving himself from the cares and perplexities of business, a close attention to which was probably a superinduced cause of the disease under which he labored. He hoped for effect, however, was not produced, and in less than a fortnight he fell a victim to his insidious attacks.

Mr. F. was, as we are informed, by one who knew him well, was an estimable gentleman and talented journalist—respected and esteemed for his many virtues, and loved for his fidelity to truth, honor and virtue.

It will be a consolation to his friends to know that he received every kindness and attention in his last moments that the most untiring friendship could bestow, and that he died in the full faith, trust and hope of passing from earth to a blissful immortality.

His remains were conveyed to Wilmington for interment the day following his decease.

We take this occasion to tender our thanks and also those of the friends of our late much esteemed fellow-citizen, DAVID FULTON, to Capt. BATES, of the Steamer Gov. Dudley, for his aid and attention in the transportation of his remains from Charleston to this home.

TO THE PATRONS OF THE JOURNAL.—The surviving partner of this establishment would say to its friends, that he intends to continue the publication of the "JOURNAL" regularly.

CORRECTION.—In the last sentence of the letter of Mr. Hill, on our 4th page, an error appeared in the copy from which it was extracted, and which we did not detect till our issue was worked off. The sentence should have read—

I cannot, therefore, refuse to act the part which your partiality has assigned me, in what you justly term "the interesting ceremony."

TEMPERANCE CELEBRATION.—We learn that the members of the Washington Temperance Society, will have a celebration on Christmas Day. They will assemble at the M. E. Church on Front Street, at 2 o'clock, and proceed from thence in procession, to the Baptist Church, on Front St., where an address will be delivered by Mr. E. A. Cushing, and probably some remarks may be made by other members. The Society tender a respectful invitation to the Ladies, to be present on the occasion. The community in general, are also invited. JERE. NICHOLS, Esq., is Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

WILMINGTON AND MANCHESTER RAIL ROAD.—We have been informed that Mr. S. M. Fox, Engineer of the above Road, left here on Tuesday last, (with his Assistants,) for the purpose of reconnoitering, and ascertaining the most practicable starting point, for the location of this end of the road. We presume Mr. Fox will make a report, before the location is commenced.

THANKS.—We tender our thanks to Mr. H. Williams, Esq., for a copy of the memorial of Miss D. L. D. to the Legislature of North Carolina, soliciting a State Hospital for the protection and cure of the insane.

SWORD TO LIEUT. COL. GASTON MEARES.

It will be seen from the correspondence in this paper, that on the 8th of January next, the citizens of Wilmington will present a sword to our gallant young townsman, Lieut. Col. Gaston Meares, as a token of their admiration of his meritorious conduct during the battle of Buena Vista. Major General L. H. Marsteller and Staff, and the Clarendon Horse Guards, will turn out on the occasion. An address will be delivered by Wm. Hill, Esq.

GOV. GRAHAM AND NORTH CAROLINA INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.

The late rather lengthy message of our State Executive assumes to advocate the welfare and prosperity of the citizens of North Carolina by the recommendation of "a system of improvement commensurate with the wants and interests of the State," and by certain suggestions with regard to the course of policy proper to be pursued towards the works already constructed, and in which the State is largely interested. We must say that we have never seen an assumption so poorly supported,—we have never known an individual occupying a high official station, to exhibit so little information of a matter which he undertakes to treat, or who permitted himself, to such a degree, to be influenced by sectional prejudices and his immediate association.

All his thoughts appear to be directed to the affording a market for the West, and to the sustenance of his purchase—the Raleigh & Gaston Rail Road. The Eastern and Southern Counties—a portion of the State which has thus far shown the only public spirit of which a North Carolinian may boast—have been entirely overlooked by this "excellent" Governor. It may be, perhaps, that his Excellency thinks that a Democratic section cannot expect equal rights and favors from a Whig Governor of a Whig State: our political sins may cut us off from the pap of a good federal mother; however this may be, yet it cannot be denied that the East has received the go-by, and her great enterprise, the Wilmington & Raleigh Rail Road is only to be assisted by an extension of credit on the State loan, so long as the Company shall punctually pay the interest as it falls due. A great favor, surely, and while you would squander millions elsewhere. "We owe you one," Mr. Graham, for your kind recommendation of an extension of credit to us.

We charge Mr. Graham with being a sectional Governor! We charge him with selfishness! and with a want of consideration and candor highly becoming. Was it not known to him that the Town of Wilmington, having already crippled herself by her public works, was endeavoring to redeem her investment, by another enterprise—that our citizens were straining every nerve to build the Wilmington & Manchester Road—and that contracts had actually been let out for twenty miles on the So. Carolina end? Did he not know, at the same time, that the State was a stockholder in our old Road to the amount of \$600,000, and that in struggling to benefit ourselves, we were conserving her interest, and therefore had a right to ask her co-operation? Knowing all this, what a wonder that our project was not even noticed in either of his communications to the Legislature. We had supposed that a mere desire to foster the spirit of enterprise which the State so much needed, would have secured it at least a casual remark. But no! Other considerations and views animated the Executive, and blinded him even to the fact of its existence.

We have accused Gov. Graham of selfishness. By this we do not mean to say that his own private property is intended to be benefited by his continuous line of Rail Road from Gaston to Charlotte, as recommended in his message of December 4th, but we do insinuate that the vindication of a measure of his administration—the desire to relieve himself of the odium of an imprudent act, is the mainspring of his action, and the source of his inordinate love for the Raleigh & Gaston Road.

Mr. Graham ought to know that the State is much more largely interested in another work than she is in the Raleigh & Gaston Road, and that the project of a continuous Road from Gaston to Charlotte is suicidal to the larger interest. Can it possibly be the interest of the State to sink the greater interest in the hope of benefiting the lesser? Does not the attempt on the part of Gov. Graham fix upon him the stain of endeavoring to conceal a blunder by the sacrifice of the best energies and interests of our people?

The main fault of Gov. Graham's plan for a "North Carolina Rail Road," is that, so far from remedying it, must, if adopted, increase the evil which the Columbia and Charlotte and the Charlotte and Danville roads will inflict on us, namely: the enrichment of our States with our products, and the building up foreign towns to the decay of our own, and the crippling the means which our Banks have for accommodating and relieving the people.

An emissary from Virginia and South Carolina, those two vampires of our State, could not have recommended a project better calculated to serve their ends and purposes. Complete the Charlotte and Gaston road, and it will be idle to expect that it will bring one bale of goods or barrel of produce to any market Town of North Carolina. It will be so much the interest of this unjustly termed "North Carolina road," so to regulate prices and other matters on the "continuous line" that a branch road from Raleigh to Goldsboro' would probably be confined to carrying up the few visitors who might be curious to see the great central base line, and to bringing down those who had seen it; indeed Governor Graham has the sense to see this—for the great argument which he brings forward in his support, is the redemption of the Raleigh and Gaston road. Let this Virginia and South Carolina road which North Carolina is recommended to build, take the U. S. Mail and the through passengers from the Wilmington & Raleigh Road, as the Governor presumes it will, and the condition on which credit is to be extended to us will soon cease—and the successor of our present "excellent" chief magistrate have another State work to put up at public auction.

This drainage of our State by our neighbors who are so fond of fattening upon and laughing over us, has been continued ever since we had an existence. We propose to give some details about this matter in our next number—in the mean time we call upon the Legislature most earnestly to be wise and discreet in this matter of the appropriation of the people's money to the building up of Internal Improvements. This very proposition of Gov. Gra-

ham's, proves how dangerous and unequally legislative action may be exercised. Supposing his plan adopted, Taxes must be laid to pay the State's stock, amounting to a million and a quarter of dollars. We of the East, whom this measure absolutely robs of life, are to bear our share of the burden—many more than our share: for the tax on our slaves makes it disproportionate. If our State was not exactly as it is, we would unhesitatingly oppose the interference of State Government, as we do of the General Government in matters of this kind, but among us wealth is generally distributed, and we have no capitalists, no large towns. To say that the State therefore, should in no wise lend a helping hand, by way of a loan of its credit or otherwise to individual enterprise, would be virtually to condemn ourselves to all the inconveniences of the primitive modes of effecting a change of place. If there is one opinion, however, more decidedly entertained by us than another, it is that as a general rule, Internal Improvements should be left to private corporations; and when we consent to depart from this rule, we require the strongest and most convincing reasons. It becomes all good democrats to act with the greatest caution in these matters—it becomes all good North Carolinians to frown down such a project as "a continuous line" from Charlotte to Gaston.

We will resume the subject next week.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Our correspondent's letter failed to come to hand yesterday. We make up from the Standard the latest news from Raleigh:—

STATE LEGISLATURE.—But few bills have been perfected, up to this time, and what have been are mostly of a private nature. The member from York has arrived, and the Senate ship now seems to absorb everything else. On Monday last, Mr. Shepard, of Pasquotank, arose in the Senate to a question of personal privilege. He explained the circumstances under which he had paired off with Mr. Edwards, of Greene, in the election of a Superior Court Judge, on Saturday last: and he took occasion, while up, to allude to the Senate, and to define his position in regard to the matter. He said he did not desire the office—he had not elected for it; and he repulsed with scorn and indignation the charge that he had deviated, in any respect or on any occasion, from the line of his duty as a Senator to obtain that post. He had held his political friends that he would cheerfully support an Eastern or a Western Whig, but his objections to Mr. Badger were insurmountable. Still he was Mr. Badger or nobody; and those who had forced him into his present position, must take the consequences. The inference from what he said was, that under no circumstances would he support Mr. Badger.

Soon after Mr. Shepard had concluded, Mr. Gilmer arose and said, that on account of what had fallen from the Senator from Pasquotank, he should rise to the Senate—the House of Commons concurring—adjoining sine die on the 2nd day of next month! The yeas and nays were called, and Mr. Gilmer's motion prevailed by a large majority. He was thus caught in his own trap; and his indignation at being baffled in his efforts to re-elect Mr. Badger, no doubt gave place for the moment to surprise and disappointment. The Senate had taken him at his word, and he was left to reflect on the extraordinary position in which he had placed himself. What! adjourn sine die, because Mr. Badger cannot be re-elected! Go home, leaving the public business unfinished, and nothing done for the State in the way of Internal Improvements, because the Whigs, constituting as they do a majority, cannot agree upon their Senator? This is a fine specimen of that no-partyism of which Mr. Gilmer, on certain occasions and in certain sections, boasts so much; while it shows at a glance the desirability to which Whiggery has been driven in its vain attempts to re-elect Mr. Badger.

We should be compelled, by our long convictions, and by a sense of duty to North Carolina, to regard the re-election of Mr. Badger as a heavy and dangerous blow inflicted upon Southern rights. We know the Free Soilers would exult over it; and nothing which could happen here, would afford more pleasure to Northern men, than the Corwin and Webster plan. We leave to the people who said last week on this subject:—A Democratic, if possible, for Senator; but at all hazards, a man true to a slaveholding commonwealth and loyal to the South.

The two Houses will probably vote again to-day for a United States Senator.

ELECTIONS BY THE LEGISLATURE.—On Thursday last, Charles L. Hinton, Esq., was re-elected Treasurer of the State, without regular opposition.

On Friday last, William F. Collins, Esq., was re-elected Comptroller of State, by a strict party vote, over Major William L. Clarke, of this city.

On Saturday last, John W. Ellis, Esq., of Rowan, was elected a Judge of the Superior Court, in place of the Hon. Richmond M. Pearson, resigned. We record this election with high gratification. Mr. Ellis is not only one of the ablest but one of the most deserving young men in the State; and we have no doubt that he will discharge, in the most satisfactory manner, the duties of the office to which he is now elevated by the kind partiality of his friends.

We learn that it has been urged that Mr. Ellis is too young for the office. To this we reply, that we believe that Messrs. Stone, Badger, Mangum, and Swain, were all about his age when they were elected to that office; and furthermore, that no man can be too young to serve his country in any station, provided he is qualified by acquisitions and talents, and according to the constitution. Mr. Ellis is about twenty-eight years of age, and will be the youngest Judge upon the Bench.

The two Benches now stand as follows:—Supreme Court—Judges Rufin, Nash, and Pearson. Superior Court—Judges Settle, Dick, Bailey, Caldwell, Manly, Moore, and Ellis.—Raleigh Standard.

YANCEY COUNTY.—We learn that CALVIN EDNEY, federalist, has been elected in Yancey county, to fill the vacancy in the Legislature, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. FLEMING, democrat. The election of Mr. EDNEY secured to our opponents 2 majority on joint ballot.

WE were wrong last week in accounting for the two majority of the felts in the Legislature. Their two majority, at that time, was occasioned by the absence of Mr. KERN, of Rockingham, who, we learn, was called home on account of the illness of a member presented at the Bank is clumsily executed, and differs in several respects from any ever issued by the Bank. It is in the centre of the upper part a female figure holding a cup to the beak of an eagle, which appears with outspread wings behind her. No genuine note of the Bank of any denomination has such a vignette. It is made payable to J. Jewett, not S. Jewett, as are some of the genuine. After the word "DOLLARS" in the lower line of the genuine notes there is a full stop. The counterfeit note has no stop after the word "DOLLARS." The paper is of lighter color than any issued by the Bank. The date is August 8th, 1847.

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FOREIGN.—There has been two arrivals at the North from Europe, since our last paper. The Steamers Niagara and the Canada. The Niagara's news is 7 days later than that of the Canada, and we deem it only necessary to give the latest intelligence, which may be found by referring to another column.

CHAS. P. MALLETT, Esq., has been appointed President of the Branch of the Bank of the State, at Fayetteville, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. HUSKE.

BANK OF CAPE FEAR.

From the report of the Bank of Cape Fear, to the Legislature now in session at Raleigh, we see that her liabilities and resources are summed up as follows:

LIABILITIES.	
Capital,	1,500,000 00
Circulation,	1,357,625 00
Deposits,	193,334 98
Dividends unpaid,	420 00
Due to Banks,	9,447 99
Contingent Fund & Profit & Loss,	79,435 02
In transitu,	8,078 65
\$3,147,341 55	
Assets.	
Debt due by the Directors of the Principal Bank, and its six Branches, (45.)	\$120,255 56
Debt due by Stockholders,	170,316 50
Bills and Notes Discounted,	1,771,882 80
Bills of Exchange,	239,336 92
U. S. Stock & Treasury Notes,	230,000 00
Due by Banks,	65,037 93
CASH, VIZ:	
Notes of N. C. B's, 90,190 00	
" on Foreign " 51,995 00	
Specie,	608,161 72
Real Estate,	70,737 18
\$3,147,341 55	

OHIO LEGISLATURE.—The Lower House has not been able to settle their difficulties, in consequence of which the Legislature has not effected an organization.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 14.

The Hon. A. P. Butler was to-day elected to represent this State in the Senate of the U. S. States, for six years from the 4th of March next. He received 124 votes.

The Hon. W. B. Seabrook was qualified as Governor of the State, and delivered a very able inaugural address.—Char. Mercury.

ESCAPE.—We see it stated in our northern papers that some 40 of the passengers on board the ship New York, lying at quarantine at Staten Island, made their escape from that ship a few days since, and succeeded in reaching the city. The Baltimore Sun of the 20th inst., says:

THE CHOLERA AT NEW YORK.—On Monday, the health officer reported that five new cases, and two deaths of cholera had occurred at the quarantine within the previous twenty-four hours, but there were still no cases within the bounds of the city. It appears that the one death reported on Sunday (with the four new cases and twenty patients remaining in the hospital) was that of a man who escaped with others on Friday night. He was carried back next day, afflicted with the cholera, and died three hours after his return. The Courier states that some of those who escaped went immediately on to Philadelphia, their ultimate destination.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19, 6 P. M.

The Cholera.—There have been two new cases of cholera to-day at quarantine, and two deaths from that disease—all among those who came over in the ship New York. No cases in the city.—Idid.

WILMINGTON, 16th Dec., 1848.

Maj. Gen. L. H. MARSTELLER, Commanding 6th Division N. C. Militia.

SIR.—Having, (at the request of the Committee of Arrangements, appointed by the citizens of Wilmington, to present a sword to Lieut. Col. Gaston Meares, on the 8th of January next, as an evidence of their high opinion of his distinguished and noble conduct during the late war with Mexico) consented to be present, with the Troop under my command upon that occasion, I have the honor to state, that it would afford us extreme pleasure to have yourself and Staff to unite with us, on your way to the ceremony.

The day selected by the committee of arrangements, I think a very appropriate one, and should be honored by every American citizen.

For the compliment bestowed upon myself, for military pride, &c., you will please accept my thanks, and you may be assured of one thing, my desire is that as long as I have the honor to hold a commission, nothing shall be wanting on my part to preserve and stimulate throughout those under my command, that spirit and pride for which you have been pleased to compliment me.

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Head Quarters 6th Division, N. C. Militia, WILMINGTON, 18th Dec., 1848.

To Capt. Wm. C. HOWARD, Commanding of Clarendon Horse Guards.

SIR.—Your very polite note, requesting myself and Staff to unite with your Corps, on the 8th of January next, in doing honor to the occasion of presenting a sword to our worthy and highly deserved fellow-citizen, Lieut. Col. Gaston Meares, has been duly received; in reply to which, I have to state, that it will afford us great pleasure to be present and join you in the interesting ceremony.

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COUNTERFEIT BANK NOTES.

We see from our exchange papers that counterfeit notes on the Bank of Cape Fear are in circulation. We find the following paragraph on the subject in last Wednesday's Chronicle:—

"On Monday, a Ten Dollar counterfeit bill of the Bank of Cape Fear was presented at the counter of the Bank by a gentleman from Columbus county, for the purpose of ascertaining its character, it having been passed off at Whiteville by the same gang of rascals described in the article in another column, copied from the Fayetteville Observer. It appears that they are making their way towards the lower part of South Carolina, as they went off in that direction from Whiteville. The bill presented at the Bank is clumsily executed, and differs in several respects from any ever issued by the Bank. It is in the centre of the upper part a female figure holding a cup to the beak of an eagle, which appears with outspread wings behind her. No genuine note of the Bank of any denomination has such a vignette. It is made payable to J. Jewett, not S. Jewett, as are some of the genuine. After the word "DOLLARS" in the lower line of the genuine notes there is a full stop. The counterfeit note has no stop after the word "DOLLARS." The paper is of lighter color than any issued by the Bank. The date is August 8th, 1847.

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

It would afford us pleasure to spread this masterly production of Mr. Walker before our readers, but our paper has so long been filled with heavy matter, and the financial operations of the government having been so fully discussed in the President's message, that we deem a synopsis of the report will be all sufficient on the present occasion.

The total receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1848, were \$56,633,430. Add balance in Treasury July 1st, 1847, 1,701,561. Total means, \$58,334,991. Expenditures during same period, \$58,341,147. Balance in Treasury July 1st, 1848, \$1,593,844.

Estimated receipts to 30th June, 1849, including balance, \$57,048,999. Actual and estimated receipts for same period, \$54,196,275. Balance in Treasury July 1st, 1849, \$2,852,724.

The Secretary carries his estimates to 30th June, 1850, giving the receipts at \$38,253,694, and the expenditures at \$33,213,153, leaving a balance in the Treasury on the 1st July, 1850, of \$5,040,542. Unless new and extraordinary expenditures are authorized by Congress, (says the report,) "no further loan will be required, and the public debt may be reduced."

In reference to our acquisitions on the Pacific, the report says:

"Distant now as are our possessions upon the Pacific, if we would desire to extend them the benefits and blessings of the American Union, and unite them with us in the bonds of an ever-augmenting commerce and intercourse, there is at present nothing but steamships that can perform these important duties, in connection with a rail road across the Isthmus of Panama. Such a route would always be useful for our trade from the Atlantic and the Gulf with the western coast of America, and at least for heavy products with Asia, and especially with that portion of it near to or south of the equator, with the lands in the Indian Ocean, and with Australia, even if at some distant period a rail road should unite the Atlantic, the Gulf, and the Mississippi with our harbors upon the Pacific. That such a road will be made at some future period, upon the most practicable route, is not doubted, although, from the time and capital required, its completion unfortunately may be remote, but the rail road which private enterprise could build within a year or two across the Isthmus would answer all our present purposes, and would at once bring New York within ten days of the Pacific, and within thirty days of the East. The route nearest to us, maintaining also the important communication between our own harbors on the Atlantic, the Gulf, and the Pacific."

The report recommends the appointment of Consuls at Chagres and Panama; reciprocal free trade between the Canadas and the United States, in all articles of the growth, manufacture, or production of either country—and also a similar reciprocity with Mexico.

A new department is recommended to be established, to which shall be confided various duties now performed by the Treasury, State and War departments. The new department to be confided to an individual to be known as the Secretary of the Interior.

It appears that the whole public domain sold amounts to 1,442,217,837 acres, which at the present minimum price of \$1 25 per acre, would make an aggregate value of \$1,802,772,296. At 25 cents per acre, they would bring \$360,554,459. This fund the Secretary considers fully adequate to the discharge of the public debt before maturity.

The following is the concluding paragraph of the report:

"The various recommendations of this, my last financial report, are respectfully submitted to the enlightened consideration of the two Houses of Congress. They are believed to be such as would best promote the true interests of the American people. For them and for my country, and her glorious confederacy of sovereign and united States, I invoke the continued blessings of Heaven. May the Union be harmonious, progressive, and perpetual. May her course be one of honor, peace, and glory—of equity, justice, and good faith! May each successive administration, in all time coming, faithfully discharging the duties of its exalted trust, receive the support and approbation of the people! Guided by conscious rectitude, may they be commended, and sustained in every effort to promote the public good, and even their errors, which are the lot of humanity, be regarded with indulgence, and overruled by a benignant Providence for the advancement of the happiness and welfare of our beloved country."

A GANG OF VILLAINS.

We have learned from Messrs. Geo. W. Watson, N. B. Bryan, Joseph Cook, and William Bryan, a communication stating that considerable excitement exists in the lower and adjoining ends of Moore and Chatham counties, in consequence of the conduct of several men, believed to be a band of robbers and counterfeiters.

Two of the men staid at Mr. Joseph Cook's house all night, and behaved suspiciously. In the morning they presented a ten dollar note on the Cape Fear Bank, to pay their debt. Mr. Cook thought it was counterfeit, and his opinion he has been since confirmed, and would not receive it. They pretended to have no other money, and got off without paying at all. They have tried in various ways, and with different success, to get their money, and get good money in return for change.

One of them lodged a night with Mr. Nathan B. Bryan, and succeeded in passing one of the notes to him.

They are all said to be young men. Two of them 25 or 30, and another about 20 years. About two weeks ago, the horse of Mr. Wicker was entered by two men, who examined the horse, and then rode off. Mr. Wicker's horse was a good one, and he was very much alarmed. They got off with a great deal of money, and he was very much alarmed. They got off with a great deal of money, and he was very much alarmed.

The public are guarded against these men, and all good citizens are called on to exercise vigilance with a view to their apprehension. Two of them were tall, thin visaged, and very ordinarily clad; and the third was a middle stature. All of them had a sort of sheep-stealer's appearance. They travelled on horseback.—North Carolinian.

The Wilmington and Manchester Rail Road.—This enterprise, we learn from the Marion Star, is likely to be carried out on the route. The cost of this work, including every thing for business, is estimated at \$466,000. The estimated amount of business it will probably do per annum, is set down at \$236,000. The annual permanent expenses \$26,000. Expenses of shops, \$12,363 50. Train, and all other expenses, with the above, is set at \$76,000; which leaves a surplus of \$180,000, or 12 per cent. on the capital.—Salisbury Watchman.

"It is remarkable," says Dr. Darwin, "that all the diseases arising from drinking spirituous or fermented liquors are liable to become hereditary, even to the third generation; and gradually to increase if the cause be continued, till the family becomes extinct."

The Mormons in California, have laid claim to a large portion of the gold territory and demand 30 per cent. of the ore taken therefrom.

mittee on commerce.

Also, the memorial of J. S. K. Reeves. Adjourned.

THURSDAY, Dec. 14.—In the Senate, Mr. Cameron introduced the bill of which he had given previous notice, providing for the taking of the seventh census or enumeration of the people of the United States, which was read and referred to a select committee of five, to be appointed by the presiding officer.

Mr. Benton, from the committee to whom had been referred the petition of Messrs. Aspinwall, &c., of New York, to be employed in the transportation by steam of the government stores, mails, &c., across the Isthmus of Panama, when their proposed railroad shall have been completed, reported a bill, authorizing such contract, at prices not exceeding three quarters of the now paid, and the contract not to go into effect until the road shall be in operation. The bill was, on motion of Mr. Benton, after some conversation between Messrs. Cameron, Jefferson, and Benton, ordered to be printed, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Walker gave notice of his intention to introduce bills—granting to the State of Wisconsin the military reservation at Fort Winnebago; in relation to saline lands in Wisconsin; to provide for the construction of a military road in Wisconsin.

Mr. Underwood moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the Senate ordered the printing of the Treasurer's Report on the Post Office Accounts, yesterday sent in. The motion was not considered.

A message was received from the House, announcing the death of Hon. Alexander D. Sims, a member from South Carolina, and the action of that body thereon.

Mr. Butler pronounced the eulogium on the character and public services of the deceased, closing with the customary resolutions, and then the Senate adjourned to Monday next.

WILMINGTON JOURNAL.

Monday, December 18, 1848.

AGENCY.—JAMES M. REDMOND, Postmaster at Salisbury, is Agent for this paper, for Edgecombe and the adjoining Counties. Mr. R. will please in receiving new subscribers and receiving for any money due in that connection.

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if these objects would not be advanced, should the Postmaster General be nominated by the President to the Senate for a specific term of years, be separated from the Cabinet, and only removable by impeachment; and the appointment of the principal subordinate officers for a like term of years, be given to him, and to provide that no removal should be made, except for good and sufficient cause, to be reported to each session of the Senate."

N. C. LEGISLATURE.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5.—In the Senate, Mr. Woodfin introduced a bill to provide for making a Turnpike Road from Salisbury to the line of Georgia. Read first time, passed and referred.

The Bill incorporating the Deep River Mining Company, passed its third reading and was ordered to be engrossed.

In the House, Mr. Miller presented a Bill to amend the Act establishing the County of Alexander. Read first time and passed.

Mr. T. H. Hill presented a Bill to provide for the re-appointment of the lands in the County of New Hanover, and for other purposes. Read and referred.

Mr. Stevenson, a Bill to incorporate the Newbern Manufacturing Company. Passed its first reading and referred.

Mr. Ballard presented a Bill to extend the time for Registering grants, &c. Passed its first reading and referred.

Mr. Pigeon presented a Bill to repeal the Act in part, entitled "An Act to prevent the destruction of Oysters." Read and referred.

The bill to amend the 17th Section of the Revenue Laws was reported back from the Committee; read a second time and passed.

Mr. Rayner, on behalf of the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported a Bill to incorporate the Charlotte and Danville Railroad Company, and moved that it lie on the table and be printed.

THURSDAY, DEC. 6.—In the Senate, several Bills were reported back from the Committee and ordered to lie on the table.

At half past 11, the Senate adjourned to allow the Electoral College to meet in their Chamber.

In the House, Mr. T. R. Caldwell presented a Bill to establish a County to be called Lafayette, which was read first time, passed and referred.

Mr. Brogren, a Bill to incorporate the Johnston Little River Manufacturing Company.

The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, DEC. 7.—In the Senate, a message was received from the House of Commons, proposing to go into election of a Circuit Court Judge, the name of Mr. Roberts being withdrawn from the nomination.

Concurred in.

The Senate voted as follows: Bagg 19—Moore 2; Ellis 4; Whright 1; Reid 1.

A message was received from the House of Commons, proposing to vote for Solicitor of the 6th Judicial Circuit. Concurred in.

The Senate then voted as follows: Coleman 24; Caldwell 19; H. C. Jones 3; Lillington 2; Ellis 2. The three last not candidates.

A message was received from the House of Commons, proposing to vote for Superior Court Judge. Concurred in.

The Senate then voted as follows: Strange 25; Pearson 19; Battle 6.

The Committee appointed to superintend the election for Solicitor of the 6th Judicial Circuit reported that Coleman having received 90 votes, was duly elected.

Mr. Ehorn, from the Committee appointed to superintend the election of Supreme Court Judge, reported as follows: Strange 75; Pearson 65; Battle 29. No election.

A motion to adjourn being negatived, an other vote took place for Supreme Court Judge—the Senate voted as follows: Strange 25; Pearson 21; Battle 4.

Mr. Thompson, of Wake, moved to increase the Committee to visit the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb from 3 to 5—agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Commons, proposing to raise a Joint Select Committee of 5 on the part of the Senate and 10 on the part of the House, to take into consideration the propriety of forming a Medical Board; and then,

On motion of Mr. Halsey, the Senate adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow.

In the House, a message was received from the Governor, in relation to the Suit instituted against the Stockholders of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting the Report of the Commissioners of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad; on motion of Mr. Stanley, was sent to the Senate, with a proposition to print.

Mr. Ballard, from the Committee to superintend the election of Superior Court Judge, reported that Mr. Moore had received a majority of all the votes cast, and was therefore duly elected.

The Speaker announced the arrival of the hour for taking up the order of the day, (Mr. Steele's Resolutions,) whereupon Mr. Steele moved their postponement until Wednesday next.

Mr. Stanley moved to lay the Resolutions on the table; which motion did not prevail.

The question of postponing until Wednesday next, was carried on the part of Mr. Steele.

Mr. Gamble, from the Committee to superintend the election of Solicitor of the 6th District, reported that 168 votes had been cast, of which Mr. Coleman had received 85, and was duly elected.

Mr. Palmer, from the Committee to superintend the election of Supreme Court Judge, reported as follows: Battle 29; Pearson 65; Strange 75. No election.

A communication from the President of the Commercial Bank, at Wilmington, and asked what disposition would be made of it? Sent to the Senate with a proposition to print.

A message was received from the Senate, concurring in the proposition to go into the election of Supreme Court Judge. Committee to Superintend the election, Messrs. Newsum, and Farrow. The House then proceeded to vote.

Before the Committee returned, the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, DEC. 8.—In the Senate, Mr. Halsey introduced a bill to suppress vice.

Mr. Joyner a bill to authorize the Roanoke Navigation Company to become common carriers of agricultural products, goods, wares, and merchandise, on Roanoke, Dan and Staunton Rivers.

Mr. Spicer, a bill to regulate the duties of Constables in Onslow.

Mr. Washington, a bill for the relief of the inhabitants of Wayneborough.

Mr. Miller presented a memorial of citizens of Duplin, praying that the 50 acre qualification of voters, and that jury trials in county courts be abolished. Referred.

In the House, the bill to arrange the Captains District in each county in the State, &c., was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Stanley, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Miss Dix, reported a bill to provide for the establishment of a State Hospital for the Insane, which was read first time and passed.

Mr. Doak presented a bill to secure an equitable distribution of the State of deceased persons. Passed its first reading and referred.

Mr. R. McDowell presented a bill to establish a new County, to be called Graham. Passed its first reading and referred.

Mr. McMullen a bill to incorporate the Milton Savings Bank in the town of Milton. Passed its first reading, referred, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barringer, a bill for the more speedy and certain administration of Justice. Passed its first reading and referred.

Mr. Wooten, a bill to alter the time of holding the Superior and County Courts in the County of Lenoir and the better regulation of the County of Lenoir. Referred.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9.—In the Senate, Mr. Woodfin, from the Judiciary Committee, made sundry reports on bills which had been referred to that committee.

Mr. Rogers introduced the following preamble and resolution, viz:

Whereas, by the Constitution of the United States, it is provided that the Senate of the United States shall consist of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof; and whereas by the constitution of this State the legislative authority is vested in two distinct branches, both dependent on the people, to wit: a Senate and House of Commons; and whereas the members of the Senate and House of Commons derive their seats from the sovereign people of their district and counties respectively; and whereas an election of a United States Senator to represent this State in the Congress of the United States for six years from and after the fourth of March next, devolves upon the present General Assembly, and whereas the said State Senator when elected, is the servant and representative of the whole people of the State, and whereas it is both right and expedient that the county of Yancy should have a voice in the election of U. S. Senator—and whereas an election was held on the 8th in the said county of Yancy, for a member of the other branch of the Legislature, which member elect will probably take his seat by the 20th inst.

Therefore be it resolved, That a message be sent to the House of Commons, proposing that the two houses shall go into an election of U. S. Senator on the 20th of Dec., at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Woodfin moved to lay the said preamble and resolution on the table; which was lost by the vote of the Speaker.

Mr. Gilmer moved to amend the resolution, by declaring that the representative should regard the political opinions of the majority of the people of the whole State, as clearly ascertained on the 7th November.

Mr. Thomas of Davidson moved that the resolution and amendment be indefinitely postponed, which was negatived, 35 to 22.

Mr. Bower moved to amend the amendment of Mr. Gilmer, by striking out the 7th of November last, and inserting the 31st of August last, in the election of members of the Legislature.

Before the question was taken, the hour of 12 having arrived, the Senators repaired to the House of Commons, to participate in the duty of counting the votes for Governor—Mr. Patterson acting as Teller on the part of the Senate, and Mr. Graves presiding. The following result was reported: Manly received 12,536 votes, Reid 41,682; Manly's majority being 831, he was proclaimed Governor of this State for the ensuing two years.

In the House, a message was received from the Senate transmitting several engrossed bills and resolutions which, on motion of Mr. Dobbin, were read a second and third time, passed and ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Coffield presented a bill to amend the Act of 1846 and 17, relative to the obstruction of the passage of Fish up Roanoke and Cashie Rivers. Referred.

Mr. Hayman, a bill to repeal part of an Act preventing obstructions to the passage of Fish up Tar and Pamlico Rivers. Referred.

Mr. Barringer, a bill to amend the 73d chapter of the Revised Statutes, relative to the Militia.

Mr. Sheek, a bill providing for the amendment of the Constitution of the State. Referred, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Mebane, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill to increase the Revenue of the State, with amendments. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Payne, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to amend the 1st Sec. of the 10th Chap. of Revised Statutes, concerning Sheriffs. Read a second time and passed.

The bill for the relief of witnesses in suits removed from one county to another, was indefinitely postponed.

At the hour of 12, the two Houses assembled in the Hall of the House of Commons, and proceeded to count the votes for Governor, when it was found that Charles Manly had received 42,536, and D. S. Reid 41,682. Mr. Manly having received a majority of 831.

The Speaker of the Senate declared him duly elected Governor of North Carolina for two years, from 1st January, 1849.

MONDAY, DEC. 11.—In the Senate, Mr. Rogers' resolution—the question being on Mr. Bowers' motion to amend by inserting the words "the third of August." Mr. Washington asked that the question be first taken on striking out, 25 to 20. The question was then taken on the amendment of Mr. Gilmer. That the representative should respect the political opinions of the majority of the people of the whole State, as expressed on the 7th of November—and decided in the affirmative, 26 to 22.

The preamble and resolutions were then adopted, as amended, 31 to 17.

Mr. Halsey introduced Resolutions returning the thanks of the Legislature to Miss Dix, for her bill to repeal 1st section of the Common School Act, and for other purposes. Mr. Pigeon a bill concerning pedlars—allowing the citizens of the State to peddle dry goods without tax. Referred. Mr. McIntosh a bill to amend the Act in relation to weights and measures; referred. The bill to increase the revenue of the State was taken up and postponed to Monday next.

The Resolutions of Mr. Steele were then taken up. Mr. Caldwell moved an amendment, providing in substance that nothing contained in the Resolutions should be considered as affording aid and comfort to the doctrine of nullification. The amendment was rejected.

Mr. T. McDowell moved an amendment declaring the Missouri Compromise line as an expedient basis for the settlement of the slavery question; which amendment with the Resolutions, on motion of Mr. Miller, were referred to select Committee.

The two Houses agreed to vote for 7 Counsellors of State to-morrow.

The Bill to cede a portion of Burke to Catawba, was reported from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, and recommended to the same Committee.

and Seaboard, was read third time, passed, and ordered to be Engrossed.

The following Bills were read a second time, and passed.

A bill to amend an Act passed in 1846 and 17, relative to the establishing a Depot in Newbern.

A bill to alter the times of holding the Courts in Cumberland.

A bill amending the 104 chap. Revised Statutes.

The Bill limiting the time of service of Sheriffs was read a second time, and passed.

In the House, a memorial was presented from sundry citizens of Gaston, praying that a part of said county be ceded to Cleveland. Referred.

Mr. Hicks presented a Bill to facilitate the collection of certain debts. Referred.

The Preamble and Resolutions returning thanks to Miss Dix, were adopted as received from the Senate.

The Resolutions from the Senate, proposing to go into an election of U. S. Senator on the 20th inst. were laid on the table.

Mr. Nixon presented a Resolution in favor of Tax Collectors. Referred.

Mr. Nixon presented a Resolution in favor of the clerk of the county court of New Hanover. Referred.

The Bill to amend the 17th Section of the Revenue Laws was read the third time and passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House proceeded to vote for U. S. Senator.

The bill regulating the Inspection of Turpentine was amended, read, a 3d time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13.—In the Senate, the bill to provide for making a Turnpike road from Salisbury to the State of Georgia, was ordered to lie on the table.

The following bills passed their third reading, and were ordered to be engrossed: A bill to amend the Act passed in 1846 & 7; a bill to incorporate Island Ford Manufacturing Company.

In the House, Mr. McClenahan presented a bill to improve Cape Fear and Deep rivers. Referred.

Mr. Barringer a bill to amend the 49th Chap. Rev. Stat. Referred.

Mr. T. H. Williams a bill empowering the Justices of the Peace of New Hanover to sell the Poor House. Referred.

Mr. Mebane, reported back the bill to increase the Public Revenue. Passed 2d reading and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill altering the time of holding the Courts in Lenoir, passed its second reading.

Mr. Steele's resolutions then came up, and Mr. Mebane offered several amendments which were not adopted.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14.—In